



Klein Hails Federal Support for Critical Local Projects

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Ron Klein (FL-22) today hailed the passage of a federal appropriations bill which will provide essential support to many South Florida priorities. The legislation funds local programs for Fiscal Year 2009 and focuses on promoting energy security and scientific research, as well as education and job training.

Portions authored by Congressman Klein and his South Florida colleagues include \$183.4 million for Everglades restoration as well as critical funding for law enforcement agencies and community colleges in Broward and Palm Beach County, small business owners across South Florida and cutting-edge alternative energy research at Florida Atlantic University.

“The entire South Florida delegation worked hard to ensure that essential local projects and services, from law enforcement to education to cutting-edge alternative energy research, received the support they needed from the federal government,” Klein said. “I am committed to continuing to work with local leaders and elected officials to find financial support for critical programs across South Florida.”

Congressman Klein and his colleagues worked to secure federal funding for several critical local priorities. A complete list follows.

Local Priority	Federal Funding Secured	Congressional Sponsor(s)
Nova Southeastern University Coral Reef Institute	\$1,000,000	Reps. Klein and Wasserman Schultz, Sen. Martinez
Fort Lauderdale In-Car Police Video Cameras	\$400,000	Rep. Klein
Jupiter Law Enforcement Technology	\$400,000	Reps. Klein and Mahoney, Sen. Nelson
Davie Law Enforcement Technology	\$400,000	Reps. Klein and Wasserman Schultz

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National Police Athletic League Crime Prevention Pilot Program	\$400,000	Reps. Klein, Rupersberger, Mahoney, L. Diaz-Balart, Brady, C. Brown, Sens. Nelson and others
Broward County Beach renourishment	\$957,000	Rep. Klein, Sen. Martinez
FAU Center for Excellence in Ocean Energy Technology	\$1,189,375	Reps. Klein, Wasserman Schultz, Wexler
FAU Small Business Incubator	\$122,821	Reps. Klein, Wasserman Schultz, Wexler
Lake Worth Inlet/Palm Beach Harbor dredging	\$2,214,000	Rep. Klein, Sen. Martinez
Lake Worth Inlet (Palm Beach Harbor) Navigation Feasibility Study	\$191,000	Rep. Klein, Sen. Nelson
Lake Worth Sand Transfer Plant (Port of Palm Beach and Palm Beach County-identified top priority)	\$478,000	Rep. Klein, Sen. Nelson
Deerfield Beach renourishment	\$144,000	Reps. Klein and Wexler
School District of Palm Beach County Teacher Mentoring and Training	\$557,000	Reps. Klein, Wexler, Mahoney
Broward Community College Aviation Training Program (trains new air traffic controllers)	\$190,000	Reps. Klein and Wasserman Schultz
Palm Beach Community College Technology Updates	\$285,000	Reps. Klein and Hastings, Sen. Nelson

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Jewish Federation of Broward County Caregiver Support program	\$167,000	Reps. Klein, Hastings, Wasserman Schultz, Sen. Nelson
Holy Cross Hospital Women's Health Center	\$357,000	Rep. Klein
Palm Beach County/Palm Tran Green Bus replacement	\$712,500	Rep. Klein
Downtown transit circulator	\$712,500	Rep. Klein
Boca Raton I-95 interchange at Yamato Road and Spanish River	\$956,000	Reps. Klein and Wexler
Florida Biomass to Biofuels Conversion Program	\$235,000	Reps. Klein, Hastings, Wasserman Schultz

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